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- ❖ Government to reveal its national seed policy to setup goals, directions, actions and responsibilities to provide a level playing field for meeting quality seed needs of the public and private sector.
- ❖ Exporters is expected to earn \$75mn this year by exporting 100,000 tonnes a target which was missed last year due a 40% drop in mango production.
- ❖ The first red chilly dehydration plant of Pakistan, located at Kunri, will commence its operations in the chilly growing belt of Sindh comprising Umerkot, Sanghar and Mirpurkhas districts.
- ❖ Initiative are being taken to setup projects in khairpur for packaging, storage, dehydration etc with at least one company hoping to start a dates maturing plant and cold storage.
- ❖ Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif recently approved the establishment of the Citrus Development Board (CDB) to improve citrus orchards, processing management and exports.
- ❖ Pakistan had become one of the leading exporters of food products and commodities to the UAE and other Gulf countries which do not produce wheat and other farm commodities and depend on imports.
- ❖ Poultry businesses in Pakistan seeks a review of taxation policies which are applied by the government on them in order to implement a balanced taxation policy for the industry.
- ❖ In 2014-15 PAKISTAN'S global exports of fresh fruits, vegetables and their value-added products stood at mere \$671m due to lower yield, high cost of production, poor quality of produce, lack of new crop varieties and procedural flaws in taxes.
- ❖ With its stocks rising to 1.48m tonnes from 0.38m tonnes carried over from 2014-15, The Sindh Food Department has met its 1.1m tonnes of wheat procurement target for the 2015-16 season.
- ❖ Sugar production in Sindh slightly rose to 1.672 million tons in the current season as sugarcane yield improved making the sugar productions share of 40% in Sindh. ◆

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- ❖ An Australian technology start-up Swarm Farm Robotics has launched its robot technology for use in cropping, which will improve productivity, lower costs and reduce environmental impacts.
- ❖ In Argentina National plant health authority Senasa recently reported seven positive cases of HLB detected in samples of plant material taken in the departments of Iguazú and Eldorado, in the province of Misiones.
- ❖ There was a 4 % increase observed in the foreign trade in containers in the first quarter of 2016 fueled by the fruit exports.
- ❖ China's retail market expansion is creating new opportunities for marketers of fresh berries driven by rising growth in its urban, middle class population.
- ❖ Chile's pomegranate campaign is halfway through even though, as a result of the low temperatures, the harvest was delayed by more than 10 days.
- ❖ At a recent press conference, the Mexican government and the European Commission of Agriculture have announced the start of negotiations on a bilateral agreement for trade in organic products.
- ❖ This year Tunishia has high volumes of production and exports will worth around 6000 tons per year with a target of 2000 tons for the south Asian country.
- ❖ IFCO has announced the global launch of its proprietary SmartGuardian technology, designed to monitor and control the company's RPC sanitation process.
- ❖ RIKILT is currently carrying out research on various portable instruments that can measure the composition of products within seconds even through the packaging.
- ❖ Delegates from United Arab were invited by the Association of Polish Fruit and Vegetable Distributors to visit Poland in mid-May as part of an agricultural study tour that took in the biggest fresh fruit and vegetable distributors.
- ❖ Two collaboration agreements were signed at the end of May between a trade delegation from Uzbekistan and GMV, branch organization of Dutch machine producers for food processing and packaging which worth around 31 Million. ◆